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His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of Democratic Republic of Madagascar, Pays a State Visit to DPRK

His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, was on a state visit to our country from June 4 to 11 at the invitation of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Arrival in Pyongyang

His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, together with his wife Celine Ratsiraka arrived in Pyongyang by special plane on June 4.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, and his wife came out to the airport and warmly met His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife.

The streets of Pyongyang, the capital of revolution, were beautifully decorated in welcome of the goodwill envoy of the Malagasy people.

The Pyongyang Airport looked like a sea of flowers, crowded with thousands of welcomers holding the flags of Korea and Madagascar, bunches of flowers and multi-coloured balloons in their hands.

Set up with due respect above the welcoming crowds were a portrait of the great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung and a portrait of His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar. Seen on either side of the portraits were the sloganss "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka!"

Floating high in the sky were big balloons, from which were suspended streamers bearing the words "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka!" and the national flags of Korea and Madagascar. Seen at the airport were the slogans "Warm welcome to the goodwill envoy of the Malagasy people!" "Long live the friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Malagasy peoples!" "The Korean people support the just struggle of the Malagasy people for the independent development of the country!" and "Let us unite with the peoples of the world who advocate independence!"

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, came out to the airport before the arrival of the guests.

Present there were Comrade Kang Ryang Uk, Comrade Pak Sung Chul and his wife, Comrade O Jin U, Comrade Chong Jun Gi, Comrade Ho Dam and his wife, Chairman Hwang Jang Yop of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, chairmen of committees and ministers of the Administration Council, leading functionaries of working people's organizations and Pyongyang city organs of power, generals of the Korean People's Army, responsible functionaries from scientific, educational, cultural, art and press circles, and Chang Il Man, DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the DRM.

Also on hand were diplomatic envoys of various countries in Pyongyang and their wives.

At 11:30 in the morning the special plane carrying the goodwill mission of the Malagasy people touched down at the airport.

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka got off the plane, responding to the fervent welcome of the crowds.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung firmly shook hands with him and warmly hugged him.

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka was accompanied by Sambson Gilbert, Member of the Supreme Revolutionary Council, and his wife; Rakotoarijaona Desire, Member of the SRC, and his wife; Bemananjara Jean, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and his wife; Rakotovao Razakaboana, Minister of Finance and Plan; Rajaonah Pierre, Minister of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform; Seraphin Jean Jacques, Minister of Health; Rakotofiringa Crescent Solohery, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the DRM to the DPRK, and his wife; Solofoson Georges, Director of the Presidential Office; Koto Robert, Commissar of the SRC; and others.

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Lovely children, members of the Juvenile Corps, presented fragrant flowers to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and to His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his party.

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his party exchanged greetings with the cadres of our country and foreign diplomatic envoys in Pyongyang.

A grand welcoming ceremony for His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka was held at the airport.

The national anthem of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar and the Patriotic Song of our country were played and a 21-gun salute was thundered. In the company of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka reviewed a guard of honour of the three services of the Korean People's Army.

After the ceremony His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka, in company with the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, answered the enthusiastic welcome of the crowds, as they walked past the welcomers who were sending up rousing cheers. And then they boarded a car and headed for the city.

Hundreds of thousands of working people in Pyongyang gave a hearty welcome to the goodwill mission of the Malagasy people.

Courtesy Call

His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the DRM, and his wife paid a courtesy call on the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, and his wife on the afternoon of June 4.

Present on the occasion were the entourage of the President.

Also present were the cadres of our country and personages concerned.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a talk with His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

On the occasion, His Excellency President presented a gift of best wishes to the great leader.

Welcome Banquet, Luncheon and Dinner

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, arranged a grand banquet at the People's Palace of Culture on the evening of June 4 in honour of His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the DRM, and his wife.

Invited to the banquet were His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife and their entourage.

Present there were Comrade Kang Ryang Uk, Comrade Pak Sung Chul and his wife, Comrade O Jin U, Comrade Chong Jun Gi, Comrade Ho Dam and his wife, Chairman Hwang Jang Yop of the SPA Standing Committee, chairmen of committees and ministers of the Administration Council, leadership personnel of the working people's organizations and Pyongyang city organs of power, generals of the Korean People's Army, responsible functionaries from scientific, educational, cultural, art and press circles and Chang Il Man, DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the DRM.

Diplomatic representatives in Pyongyang and their wives were also invited there.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung made a speech at the banquet.

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka spoke next.

The banquet proceeded in a cordial atmosphere overflowing with friendly sentiments.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife gave on June 6 a luncheon and a dinner in honour of His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife.

Talks

Talks were held in Pyongyang on June 5 between the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, and His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the DRM.

Present at the talks on our side were Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Comrade Chong Jun Gi, Comrade Ho Dam, personages concerned So Gwan Hi, Kim Gyong Ryon, Chong Song Nam and Chon Myong Su, and Chang Il Man, DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the DRM.

Present on the Malagasy side were Sambson Gilbert, Member of the Supreme Revolutionary Council; Rakotoarijaona Desire, Member of the SRC; Bemananjara Jean, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Rakotovao Razakaboana, Minister of Finance and Plan; Rajaonah Pierre, Minister of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform; Seraphin Jean Jacques, Minister of Health; Rakotofiringa Crescent Solohery, DRM Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the DPRK; Solofoson Georges, Director of the Presidential Office; and Koto Robert, Commissar of the SRC.

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Korean and Malagasy Peoples Are Linked by Strong Ties of Friendship Because of Their Common Plights in the Past and the Common Goals of Their Present Struggles

Speech of Comrade KIM IL SUNG

at Welcome Banquet

Your Excellency esteemed President Mr. Didier Ratsiraka and Madame Celine Ratsiraka,
Esteemed guests from Madagascar,
Comrades and friends,

I am very happy today to meet again after a long interval and be seated here together with Your Excellency Mr. Didier Ratsiraka, President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar and our close friend, and Madame. You are warmly welcomed.

The name of Your Excellency Mr. Didier Ratsiraka is already widely known to our people through Your Excellency's visit to our country four years ago.

It gives us special pleasure to greet you again in our Pyongyang this time as President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar.

Since Your Excellency Mr. Didier Ratsiraka assumed office as Head of State of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar as a result of the deep trust of the Malagasy people, fundamental changes have taken place in the Malagasy revolution and the life of the Malagasy people.

The Malagasy people are a valiant people who were the first to raise the flames of the national liberation struggle in the Indian Ocean off Africa after the Second World War.

After the independence of their country, too, they waged a dynamic struggle against the reactionary rule and are now marching towards socialism under the correct leadership of Your Excellency President Mr. Didier Ratsiraka, their outstanding leader.

The Charter of Socialist Revolution and the New Constitution adopted towards the end of last year in Madagascar are excellent documents which brightly illumine the future of the Malagasy people.

In accordance with these documents which reflect the aspirations of the Malagasy people for sovereignty, independence and socialism, the Malagasy Government is enforcing a number of progressive reforms and the appearance of Madagascar is changing radically every day.

The Malagasy Government is taking resolute measures to do away with all forms of shackling foreign relations persistent even after independence and fighting determinedly against imperialism, colonialism and racism on the principle of non-alignment.

We warmly congratulate the revolutionary transformations taking place in Madagascar as a common victory for the new-emerging forces and actively support the just struggle of the Malagasy people to convert the Indian Ocean into a peace zone and achieve the complete liberation and unity of Africa.

Developments in Madagascar eloquently show that an increasing number of countries in the third world will advance towards socialism.

The Korean and Malagasy peoples are far away from each other, separated by continents and oceans, but they are linked by strong ties of friendship because of their common plights in the past and the common goals of their present struggles.

Your Excellency Mr. President has played the excellent role of pioneer in hewing out the road of beautiful friendship between our two countries.

It was Your Excellency Mr. Didier Ratsiraka who visited our country yourself and signed a historic document on the establishment of diplomatic relations between Korea and Madagascar; since your assumption of office as Head of State the friendly feelings between the two peoples have been growing deeper and deeper.

The Charter of Malagasy Socialist Revolution includes an explicit stipulation on the development of friendly relations with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Basing itself on the steadfast principled stand of independence against imperialism, the Democratic Republic of Madagascar endeavoured for our country's affiliation with the non-aligned movement and conducted vigorous activities again at the 30th session of the UN General Assembly as one of the co-sponsors of the resolution of our side.

Moreover, as regards the letter addressed last March by the Standing Committee of our Supreme People's Assembly to the parliaments and governments of all countries of the world, Your Excellency Mr. President personally sent us a message of solidarity, fully supporting that letter.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express my profound thanks to Your Excellency Mr. President, the Supreme Revolutionary Council, the Government and people of Madagascar for actively supporting and encouraging the just policy of our Party and Government for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and our people's revolutionary cause.

The friendship formed between our two peoples is a true friendship between the comrades-in-arms who are on the same side of the barricade against imperialism and colonialism; and it is flowering and developing as the days go by.

We are sure that this visit of Your Excellency Mr. President to our country will be a momentous event which will add another brilliant page to the annals of fraternal friendship between our two peoples.

Your Excellency Mr. President,

You are visiting our country with the historic 5th Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Countries ahead, so your visit assumes a greater importance.

The present situation shows that it is quite necessary for the heads of non-aligned states to meet with each other before the summit conference to discuss matters of common concern and arrive at unanimity of views.

The non-aligned movement is a powerful anti-imperialist revolutionary force which reflects the trends of the development of our times in which imperialism is declining to fall and many countries of the world are following the road to independence.

The non-aligned movement gives a strong impetus to the struggle of the peoples of the countries of the new-emerging forces against all forms of aggression and interference and for the establishment of new international relations based on complete equality and independence.

Imperialist powers are so alarmed and scared at this that they are working to undermine the non-aligned movement at all costs.

In an attempt to keep newly independent countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America under their control, the imperialists have long been committing all acts of aggression and interference—direct armed intervention and war by proxy through their agents, subversive activity and sabotage, economic and cultural infiltration, threat and blackmail, appeasement and deception, bribery and so on.

Of late, the imperialists, taking advantage of some problems existing among the countries of the new-emerging forces which are the legacies of the time of colonial rule, are more stubbornly manoeuvring to drive wedges and sow discords among these countries to divide and set them at variance.

The imperialists and colonialists are seeking to fish in troubled waters by pitting the countries of the new-emerging forces, the non-aligned nations against each other, and they are hatching plots to disrupt and disorganize the summit conference of non-aligned countries from within.

We consider that the non-aligned countries must increase their vigilance against the cunning subversive and divisive activities of the imperialists and must unite more firmly than ever before to smash their plots at every step.

To achieve unity, it is imperative that the non-aligned countries should organically combine their own interests with the general interests of the non-aligned movement and join efforts for the attainment of the common objectives of this movement.

When we are united, we will win; when we are disunited, we will be defeated one by one.

All the formerly oppressed peoples in Asia, Africa and Latin America should not only uphold their sovereignty and independence and unite politically but also closely work together in the economic and technological spheres.

Nobody should be deceived by or involved in the imperialists' manoeuvres for alienation and division and the problems among the non-aligned countries, which are the legacies of the time of imperialist colonial rule, must be settled through negotiation on the principle of unity.

Thus, we should make the forthcoming 5th Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Countries a conference of great unity which will check and frustrate the divisive activities of the imperialists and become a new milestone in the advancement of the non-aligned movement.

The Korean people will continue to fight staunchly to build a new world free from imperialism and colonialism and clear of aggression and plunder, in unity with the peoples of the non-aligned countries, with the Asian, African and Latin American peoples who advocate independence, with the progressive countries in Europe and all peoples of the world.

Guests from Madagascar,

Your current visit to our country is a great auspicious event for our people.

At this place overflowing with friendly feelings, I hope your visit to our country will bear fine fruits, and would like to propose a toast:

To the fraternal friendship and solidarity between the Korean people and the Malagasy people,

To the prosperity and progress of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar,

To the unity of the world's people who advocate independence,

To the health of Your Excellency esteemed President Mr. Didier Ratsiraka and Madame Celine Ratsiraka,

To the health of the guests from Madagascar,

To the health of diplomatic envoys from various countries and madames, and

To the health of all comrades and friends present here.

We Reaffirm All Admiration We Cherish to the Respected and Beloved Leader His Excellency President, Comrade and Friend KIM IL SUNG

Speech of His Excellency DIDIER RATSIRAKA

at Welcome Banquet

Mr. President,

Please assure yourself that the kind speech you have just made to us, which expresses the noble and generous sentiments, comes straight to our heart and, through us, directly to the heart of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar.

Therefore, it will not surprise you that if I say my first word to you very sincerely in the name of the Malagasy people and revolution and in my own name: Thank you!

Four years ago the Malagasy people after covering the path of long trials and vicissitudes of colonial oppression and neo-colonialist domination broke the chains which behind the appearance of sovereignty had kept them in the unbearable state of vassalage and alienation.

It was the beginning of the new era which enabled the Malagasy personality to recover liberty, re-discover its identity and open the way for a world without frontiers.

Charged in this epoch with the duty to guide reviving national diplomacy, we inaugurated foreign policy characterized in all respects by intransigence in respect for our independence and the abandonment of all the complexes against progressive principles.

Vigorously supported by the people on this new road, we had the privilege to count the Democratic People's Republic of Korea among the first countries we have visited.

We came here with enthusiasm at the thought of forging the relations of solid amity under the signboard of revolutionary internationalism with a courageous people and a country with efficacy and dynamism which have become a legend.

But, to our regret, we left here, leaving more real brothers than friends, but with the sentiment that nothing can break the bond which has taken its solid place in our common will. First of all, to think and march jointly in the same direction. Then, to respect in all enterprises our mutual interests. Lastly, to make no cease in our leap till the exploitation of man by man, colonialism, imperialism, racial segregation, political domination by the minorities, territorial usurpation, tyranny of big powers in the international economic relations concede to the liberty of all peoples, real sovereignty of all countries, the rule of democracy of the majority and the equitable and stable international economic order.

Today, we, with the great joy of bringing you the salute and message of militant fraternity of the Malagasy people with the immense joy of meeting you again, reaffirm at the first moment of this state visit that we are firmly standing on the side of the fraternal people and government of Korea and reaffirm all the admiration we cherish to the respected and beloved leader His Excellency President, Comrade and friend Kim Il Sung.

We also say to you that we value the Juche idea because it reflects principles which in many respects have amazing similarity with our valuable revolutionary civilization and the basic contents of our national ideology.

Like you, we are convinced that the victory of our revolution depends essentially and above all on our own efforts and on the permanent consideration of our country's reality.

Like you, we do not believe in revolution by proxy: The people themselves, the entire people must carry out the revolution and become its master.

We have also chosen the principle of non-alignment to defend better the genuine national character of the revolution. Our country and people who adopt a decision with their autonomy will make better advancement when they have efforts and discipline which mobilize creative genius to give Malagasy solutions to Malagasy problems.

We have only entered the initial phase in our gigantic enterprise by having started just now the national democratic revolution, without which we cannot lead our country to socialism. We know well that this road is long and thorny, but there is no other way for us who are faced with the consequences of the regime of the harsh colonial exploitation which we had undergone, faced with the cruel injustice, ignorance and poverty left over by all the capitalist structures, faced with our task to liberate men, all men, and to build an independent economy which will serve to set up a new economic and social order.

The capitalist spirit with its system of egoism, inequity and cynical profit does not conform with Malagasy philosophy and spirit and will render more acute the conflicts and contradictions which we strive to eradicate precisely. If the sovereign Malagasy people, rising up unanimously, resolutely chose the road of socialism, with the pertinent knowledge that it has only landmarks of difficulties, it is because they were convinced of the necessity to build a society of justice, equality and peace.

Recalling these several traits of our country, we would like to view our friendly visit in the context of the similarity and revolutionary internationalism that characterise our common struggle.

As a brother, as a comrade-in-arms, as a revolutionary, we pay tribute to the valiant Korean people who marched ahead, without any relaxation, waging an indomitable struggle to destroy the colonial ruler, drive away imperialist aggression, establish socialism and build a modern industrial state with a prosperous rural economy on the ruins of war.

Your tests and your success, your gait and your experiences, your spirit of independence and your proletarian internationalism rouse our deep admiration and they represent for us a guarantee for fruitful, enriching and exemplary relations.

It is, therefore, only too natural that I take this opportunity to praise the Madagascar-Korea cooperation which has never been contradicted in the different diplomatic theatres and which has assumed still more diverse aspects in the work of national reconstruction in which we are engaged.

The construction of the house of youth in Tamatave at present is the first promising example.

The expected dispatch of Korean bank experts will help us radically transform our bank system to place it entirely in the exclusive service of the people and socialist revolution.

More recently, you favourably responded to our request for the transformation of our structure of rural production into the socialist cooperative network conforming to the requirements, problems and realities of our country.

In rendering your aid, you have strictly respected our national independence. You have left us to supremely exercise our right of decision under all circumstances. You have never demanded any condition, notably political.

The excellent results obtained up to now by these methods of model cooperation and the efficacy of the cooperation which you will decide in the future, will help us strengthen our national independence in a most appropriate manner, achieve our economic independence, consolidate our revolution and stimulate our militant internationalism and finally bring Malagasy socialism to victory.

We have come today to strengthen the already deep friendship which unites us. We have come to develop the cooperation between Korea and Madagascar out of concern for the interest well comprehended by the two parties. We have come, firstly, to be inspired by the sources of your revolution by drawing from your experiences lessons which will help us guide our own revolution and promote our development.

We are filled with the ambition to make this visit a permanent manifestation of the confidence, esteem and admiration which the people and Government of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar feel for the fraternal people and Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Our visit will also be a vivid testimony of our full support to the just struggle of the people and Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the unconditional withdrawal of the American imperialist aggression troops from south Korea and for the independent and peaceful reunification of your country without any foreign interference.

To respected and beloved leader His Excellency Comrade President Kim Il Sung, to His Excellency Comrade Premier, to Their Excellencies Comrades Ministers, and to all the Korean revolutionary fighters and to the courageous Korean people, we express our joy and our pride in finding ourselves among them today.

With my whole heart and with satisfaction, I raise my glass to the health and longevity of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the Korean people.

I also propose a toast:

To the health of Madame Kim Song Ae to whom I have the honour of presenting my respectful homage,

To the health of Their Excellencies and all the honorable guests present here.

Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!

Long live the reunited Korean people!

Kim Il Sung tongji manse! (Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung!)

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At the talks views were exchanged on further strengthening and developing the relations of friendship and cooperation between Korea and Madagascar and on a series of international problems of common concern and a complete unanimity of views was reached on all problems discussed.

An exclusive talk was held in Pyongyang on June 6 between the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, and His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the DRM.

Opinions were exchanged at the talk on a series of questions of common concern.

Another exclusive talk was held in Pyongyang on the 10th between the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka.

The talks proceeded in a sincere and friendly atmosphere.

Return Call

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, accompanied by his wife, paid a return call on His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the DRM, and his wife on June 5.

On hand were the cadres of our country and personages concerned.

The entourage of the President were present on the occasion.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a conversation with His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

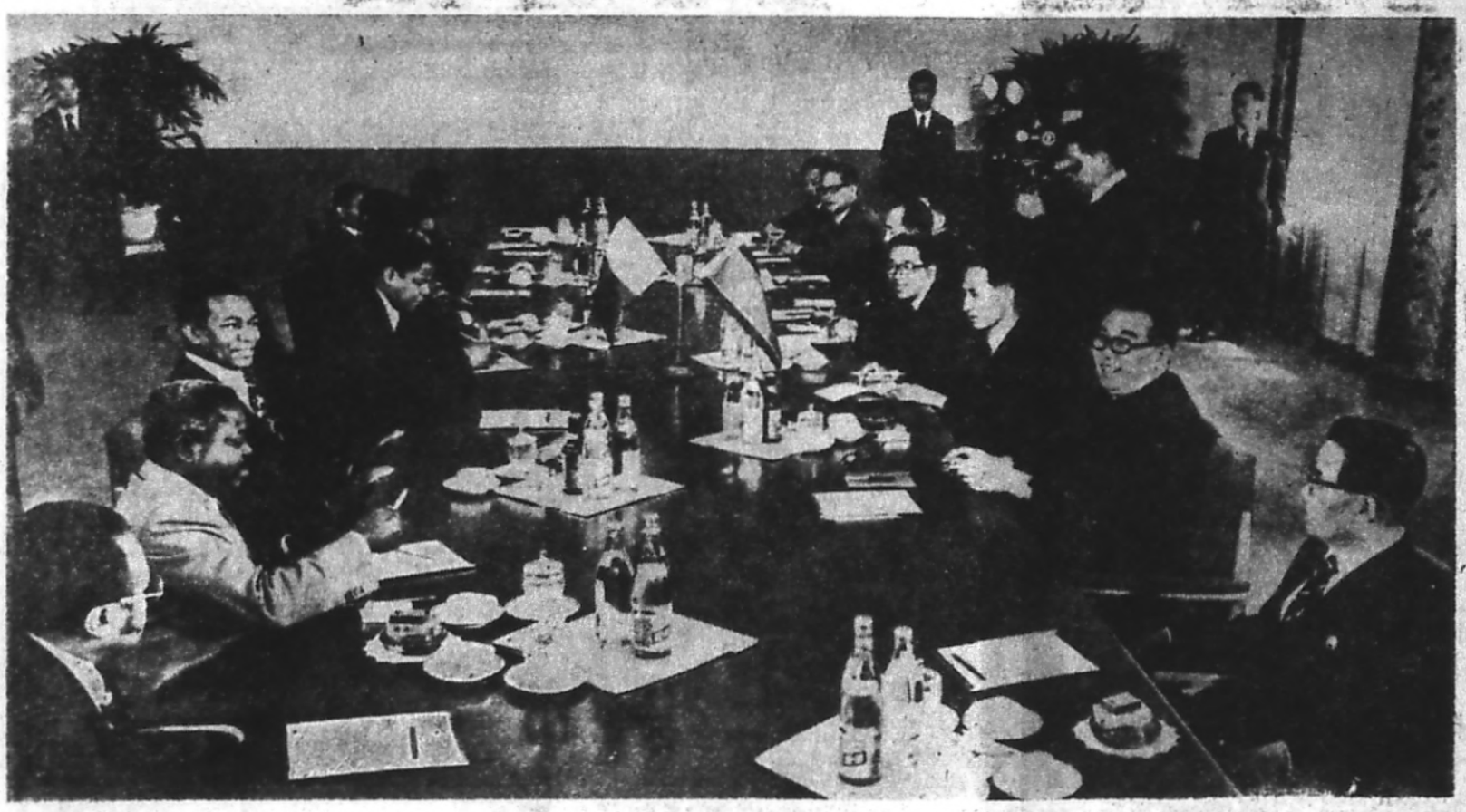
Art Performances and Mass Gymnastic Display

The revolutionary opera "The Song of Kumgang-san Mountain" was staged at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre on June 5 in welcome of His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife appreciated the revolutionary opera in company with His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka and his wife.

Invited to see the opera were the entourage of the President.

After the performance, amid the thunderous applause and cheers of "manse!" rocking the theatre, His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka, together with the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, mounted the stage and presented a basket of flowers to the artistes in congratulation of their successful performance and had a photograph taken with them.



A talk held between the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife saw an acrobatic performance at the Pyongyang Acrobatic Theatre on the evening of June 7.

On the same day His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife saw the mass gymnastic display "Under the Banner of Great Juche" performed by students and children in Pyongyang at the Moranbong Stadium.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife saw the mass gymnastic display along with His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife.

Invited to see the mass gymnastic display were the entourage of His Excellency President.

Through a grand epical depiction, the 35,000-member mass gymnastic display impressively showed the undying achievements and proud successes which our Party and people under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung made by brilliantly embodying in the revolution and construction the immortal Juche idea fathered by him.

At the end of the mass gymnastic display, deafening cheers of "manse!" burst out from the performers and spectators.

The moment the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka raised high their tightly clasped hands in token of the friendship and solidarity between the peoples of the two countries, the performers and spectators raised even more enthusiastic cheers.

Inspection

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife and their entourage inspected on June 5 the Exhibition Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The guests were accompanied by Comrade Pak Sung Chul and his wife, Comrade Ho Dam and his wife and personages concerned.

On the same day His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his party made a round of the Pyongyang Metro.

His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the DRM, and his wife and their entourage visited on the 6th the Kumsong Tractor Plant, one of the tractor production bases in our country.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife accompanied the guests during the inspection.

The workers of the plant and their families gave an enthusiastic welcome to the goodwill mission of the Malagasy people, carrying with them the flags of Korea and Madagascar, bunches of flowers and balloons.

Guided by the director of the plant, the guests saw the processing shop, assembly shop and other major production processes.

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his entourage visited the Red Flag Mangyongdae Revolution School on the 7th.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife went to the revolution school together with His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife.

A ceremony took place at the school to welcome His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka.

The guests were given a short account of the annals of the school interwoven with the wise guidance of the great leader and his great affection. Then they saw a number of rooms and laboratories, such as rooms dedicated to the lessons in shooting, geography, mathematics and automobilism as well as electrical and chemical laboratories.

Seeing the students studying happily in the well-equipped rooms and laboratories, the guests expressed their deep admiration for the great af-

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Demonstration of Friendship, Unity and Firm Solidarity between Korean and Malagasy Peoples Fighting Together under Banner of Anti-imperialism and Independence

Grand Pyongyang Mass Meeting Welcoming His Excellency DIDIER RATSIRAKA, President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, Held with the Participation of the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

A grand Pyongyang mass meeting welcoming His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, who paid a state visit to our country at the invitation of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was held in the Pyongyang Gymnasium on June 9.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, and his wife, together with His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka and his wife, were present at the mass meeting.

Attending the meeting together with many working people in the city were leading officials of Party and power bodies and working people's organizations, generals of the Korean People's Army and responsible functionaries in the fields of science, education, culture, art and the press.

Invited to the meeting were foreign diplomatic envoys in Pyongyang.

Placed with due respect on the platform were a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, and a portrait of His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka, the outstanding leader of the Malagasy people.

Hung in the meeting hall were slogans reading "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka!" and also seen were the letters "Warm welcome to the goodwill mission of the Malagasy people!" and "Long live the friendship and solidarity between the peoples of Korea and Madagascar!"

At 6 p.m. the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung appeared on the platform in company with His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka to the strains of the welcome music. At the moment, stormy cheers of "manse!" (hurrah) and thunderous applause burst forth, shaking the hall.

The platform was also taken by the entourage of President Didier Ratsiraka.

In the platform party were cadres of our country and personages concerned.

Juvenile Corps' members presented fragrant flowers to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka amid the ever more enthusiastic applause and cheers. And they presented bouquets of flowers to all others who were in the platform party.

The meeting began with the playing of the national anthem of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar and the Patriotic Song of our country.

Kang Hyon Su, Chairman of the Pyongyang City People's Committee, made a welcome speech at the meeting.

He said as follows:

The present visit of His Excellency President to our country is an epochal event in developing to a new higher stage the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries of Korea and Madagascar. It greatly contributes to strengthening the solidarity of the countries of new-emerging forces.

Korea and Madagascar are separated by a long distance across oceans and continents, but the peoples of our two countries are reliable friends and comrades-in-arms for the similarity of their past plights in which they were oppressed and maltreated and for the commonness of their present struggles which are waged for the independent development of their countries.

Saying that we know well that His Excellency esteemed President has done a great deal in strengthening and developing the friendly relations between the peoples of our two countries, the speaker noted that the second visit of His Excellency President to our country after a long journey and his significant meeting with Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of our people, have added a brilliant page to the annals of friendship between our two countries.

He continued:

We highly appraise the progressive reforms which Comrade President is boldly enforcing in steering for the construction of socialism as the outstanding leader of the Malagasy people and warmly hail the successes made by the Malagasy people in the building of a new society.

The new changes taking place in Madagascar testify to the correctness of the lines and policies taken by Comrade President and show that nothing is impossible if a people who have become the master of their destiny pitch in an undertaking gallantly, displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance.

The speaker touched upon the splendid successes our people have achieved in the revolution and construction under the able guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and remarked:

In order to remove the danger of war in Korea and promote the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea, an end should be put to the policy of aggression and war of the United States against our country, first of all.

In conformity with the resolution of the 30th session of the United Nations General Assembly the "UN Command" must be dissolved, all the foreign troops occupying south Korea under the UN flag withdrawn and a peace agreement concluded in place of the Armistice Agreement.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to express the most profound thanks to His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka, the Supreme Revolutionary Council and the Government of Madagascar and the fraternal Malagasy people for having actively supported the just struggle of our people for the country's independent, peaceful reunification on the international scene including the UN.

He stated that the Korean people will as ever fight firmly hand in hand with the fraternal Malagasy people for the victory of the common cause of peace, democracy, national independence and socialism under the revolutionary banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

After concluding his speech, he presented His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka with a silk banner in the name of the mass meeting. The silk banner was emblazoned with the flags of the two countries and it bore the embroidered letters reading "Long live the friendship and solidarity beween the peoples of Korea and Madagascar!"

The next speaker was His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka.

He said:

My first word naturally is to express the most heartfelt thanks to you Mr. President Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the valiant Korean people, for having particularly distinguished me by inviting me to visit the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

This gesture gives me an honour as it makes my country great in the international community.

His Excellency President continued:

The visit which I have the honour of paying today at the invitation of Comrade President Kim Il Sung, the outstanding leader of the Korean revolution, is my first official foreign visit in the capacity of the President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar.

This is an important event of profound significance for us.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka acknowledge the enthusiastic cheers of crowded audience with clasped hands

This is a clear expression of the interest and friendship the Malagasy people and Malagasy revolution cherish for the Korean people and Korean revolution.

This is also an expression of my high respect to the great statesman and my friend President Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the Korean people, whose courage, intelligence and sagacity are widely known and highly estimated in Madagascar.

His history happily coincides with that of Korea and his personality is identical with that of the entire Korean people.

This identity is fully justified by the reasons connected with the past, present and future of Korea.

Let me refer, first of all, to the past.

In 1926, that is, half a century ago, you, Mr. President of the Republic and dear brother, founded the Down-with-Imperialism Union and has devoted your all in this half-century period to the freedom and happiness of the Korean people and the victory of the Korean revolution.

I would like to stress that the Korean people, under your wise leadership, have won our admiration by their courage and self-sacrificing spirit in chasing away the Japanese colonialists and by their tenacity and heroism in defeating the US imperialists and their valets.

Next let me tell about the present. After the destruction in the war, you have succeeded, Mr. President of the Republic and dear brother, in reconstructing your country with your people in the shortest time ever known.

The meritorious and prodigious efforts bent by the Workers' Party of Korea, the Government and the people of Korea under your wise leadership to build socialism through self-reliance along the revolutionary and infallible line of Juche—national sovereignty, economic independence, self-defence in national defence—have won the sympathy of the Malagasy Government and people.

In the international arena, Mr. President of the Republic and dear brother, the Korean people, under your leadership, extend sincere and militant support and solidarity to the struggle for the complete liberation of Asia, Africa and Latin America and the Middle East, holding aloft the torch of revolutionary internationalism.

We support this and the third world is grateful for this.

Lastly about the future: I would like to speak of the future of the Korean people, about which I am confidently optimistic after I have heard, seen and understood all things.

The Korean people led by their respected and beloved, outstanding leader President Kim Il Sung are converting the northern half of the country into a socialist and prosperous solid revolutionary base by embodying the correct Juche line in all fields.

Touching upon the building of socialism in the north and the Korean people's efforts for the country's independent, peaceful reunification, His Excellency President said:

I assure you, Mr. President of the Republic and dear brother, that you are not alone in your struggle, because the Democratic Republic of Madagascar always stands on your side and you have won fully and definitively the friendship, solidarity and understanding of the Malagasy people, their revolution and government.

We have fully proved this at international organizations:

—at the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations we have constantly supported the just positions of Korea;

—in the non-aligned movement, we have supported your admission into it.

We demonstrated this by severing all relations, political, economic and commercial, with the reactionaries of south Korea from 1972.

We also confirmed this by supporting the three principles and five-point policy for the country's independent and peaceful reunification advanced by Mr. President of the Republic.

We have demanded the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the US troops stationed in south Korea and supported the proposal for replacing the Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement in accordance with the resolution of the 30th session of the UN General Assembly.

Today we show this by paying you an official visit of friendship and solidarity, wishing you great success in the grand socialist construction based on the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural.

And we will show this by organizing an international seminar on the Juche idea in Tananarive at the end of coming September.

Referring to the success achieved by the Democratic Republic of Madagascar and its people, His Excellency President said:

Today the Democratic Republic of Madagascar is engaged in a vast movement of democratic and popular national revolution to consolidate its political independence by economic independence, establishing its independent currency, nationalising the principal means of production, regaining the natural resources to serve the interests of the Malagasy people, starting the agrarian reform and developing industry for the industrialization of agriculture.

All this means to lay a sound and solid foundation to build socialist society by Fokonolona.

He went on to say:

Our friendship has become more significant because we met you at a moment when it entered eminent practical action from theoretical and Platonic desire, we think.

I want to say about militant solidarity between us in foreign policy and bilateral cooperation in economic, technological, commercial and cultural fields.

I said that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea joins action to intention.

Under the outstanding leadership of President Kim Il Sung, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in fact, has proved this by supporting the theses of Madagascar on building a demilitarised and denuclearized peace zone in the Indian Ocean, by building in Tamatave a Youth Hall, a gift of the great leader of the Korean people President Kim Il Sung, in cooperation with Malagasy technicians and by sending Madagascar experts of agricultural cooperatives and of rural banks.

The Korean revolution and the Malagasy revolution understood that the imperialists are all the same, it is natural that they are aligned and it is necessary as never before for all the progressive and revolutionary countries to unite and pool strength in all the fields, in the field of development in particular, in order to destroy the imperialists.

In fact, the question of development is linked with all other questions such as peace, independence, justice and progress. Therefore, it poses as a pressing problem today.

When a people work with the sense of independence and responsibility, they can achieve proper development and progress.

But, the present unjust and inequitable international economic order imposed by the big countries, particularly by the imperialist big powers creates a great obstacle to development and peace.

Therefore, the united Korean people and Malagasy people who are convinced of the logical and independent road support the struggle of all peoples of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East for liberation and unanimously demand the establishment of a new international economic order.

He declared that thanks to the new visit, in all and many respects our two revolutions have all reasons to know and understand each other better and strengthen still more the bonds of friendship interlinking the two revolutions so as to more closely cooperate for peace and freedom, progress and justice.

He concluded his speech by shouting "Long live respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung!"

His speech received the loud acclamations of a crowded audience.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung firmly shook hands with His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and gave him a warm hug when he came back to his seat after concluding his speech.

When the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka raised high their tightly clasped hands to show the friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Malagasy peoples, there arose again stormy cheers of "manse!" and thunderous applause throughout the hall.

The meeting closed with the performance of the Patriotic Song of our country and the national anthem of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar.

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fection and concern shown by the respected and beloved leader for the bereaved children of revolutionaries.

The guests saw the ball firing practice of the students at the shooting ground.

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife and their entourage inspected on the 8th the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex, one of the biggest metallurgical centres in our country.

Accompanying the guests were Comrade Pak Sung Chul and his wife, Comrade Ho Dam and his wife and personages concerned.

The guests were shown around major production processes.

The discharging operation was in full swing when they got to the youth blast furnace shop. The guests watched the molten iron flowing out from the furnace for a long while.

In particular, they were struck with admiration when they saw the workers engaged in their task joyfully at the work places where industrial television and remote control are introduced.

Then, the guests visited the Songrim Babies' Palace built in the town of iron and steel making.

On the same day His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife and their entourage inspected the Sariwon Textile Mill and the Migok Cooperative Farm.

The North Hwanghae Provincial People's Committee gave a banquet on the 8th in honour of His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife.

Choe Mun Son, Chairman of the North Hwanghae Provincial People's Committee, made a speech at the banquet.

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka spoke next.

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife and their entourage visited on the 8th the unit No. 809 of the Korean People's Army and the unit of the KPA Comrade Kim Jun Gu belongs to and the National Economy Institute on the 9th.

In their company were Comrade Pak Sung Chul and his wife, Comrade Ho Dam and his wife.

On the other hand, Madame Celine Ratsiraka, wife of His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the DRM, visited on the 5th the Pyongyang September 15 Week Nursery and the Korean Folklore Museum. On the 6th she saw the Korean documentary films "A Country of Time-honoured Culture", "A Country of Scenic Beauty" and "Bumper Crop" and the Korean feature film "We Have Nothing More to Desire in the World".

The entourage of His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka inspected on the 6th the Chongsan Cooperative Farm and the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace. On the 7th they visited historic Mangyongdae, the holy place of revolution where the roots of the Korean revolution grew.

Some members of the entourage of His Excellency President of the DRM inspected the Museum of Victorious Fatherland Liberation War and the Korean Red Cross Hospital on the 10th.

Joint Communique Signed

A DPRK-DRM joint communique was signed in Pyongyang on the 10th.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, and his wife, together with His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the DRM, and his wife, attended the signing ceremony.

Present were cadres of our country and personages concerned.

On hand were the entourage of His Excellency President of the DRM.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka signed the joint communique respectively.

On the same day an agreement on cultural cooperation, an agreement on trade, an agreement on scientific and technological cooperation and an agreement on economic and technological cooperation were signed in Pyongyang respectively between the Governments of the DPRK and the DRM.

Banquet

In honour of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, and his wife His Excellency Didier Ratsiraka, President of the DRM, and his wife arranged a grand banquet at the People's Palace of Culture on the 10th.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife were invited to the banquet.

Comrade Kang Ryang Uk, Comrade Pak Sung Chul and his wife, Comrade O Jin U, Comrade Chong Jun Gi, Comrade Ho Dam and his wife, Chairman Hwang Jang Yop of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, chairmen of committees and ministers of the Administration Council, leading functionaries of the working people's organizations and Pyongyang city organs of power, generals of the Korean People's Army, leading workers in the domains of science, education, culture, art and the press and Chang Il Man, DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the DRM, were invited to the banquet.

Foreign diplomatic envoys in Pyongyang and their wives were also invited.

Present at the banquet were His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife and their entourage.

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka made a speech at the banquet.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung spoke next.

The banquet proceeded in a cordial atmosphere overflowing with the sentiment of friendship.

Departure from Pyongyang

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka and his wife left Pyongyang by special plane on June 11 upon the successful conclusion of their itinerary.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife came out to the airport and gave them a hearty send-off.

The guests accompanying His Excellency President also left here.

That day the Pyongyang Airport was immersed in an atmosphere of warm farewell and seemed as if it turned into a sea of flowers, crowded with thousands of farewell bidders.

Present at the airport to see off the guests were Comrade Kang Ryang Uk, Comrade Pak Sung Chul and his wife, Comrade O Jin U, Comrade Chong Jun Gi, Comrade Ho Dam and his wife, Chairman Hwang Jang Yop of the SPA Standing Committee, chairmen of committees and ministers of the Administration Council, leading personages of working people's organizations and Pyongyang city organs of power, generals of the Korean People's Army, responsible functionaries from scientific, educational, cultural, art and press circles and Chang Il Man, DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the DRM.

Foreign diplomatic representatives in Pyongyang and their wives were also on hand.

A grand farewell function was held at the airport in honour of His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka.

At parting, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka exchanged a firm handshake and warmly hugged each other.

His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka expressed deep gratitude for the kind hospitality shown by the great leader to his entourage in the visit before he enplaned.

At 10 a.m. the special plane carrying the guests slowly took off at the airport pervaded with the warm friendly sentiments towards the fraternal Malagasy people.

The recent visit to our country by His Excellency President Didier Ratsiraka was a significant event that adorned the history of friendship between Korea and Madagascar most beautifully and a great contribution to strengthening the solidarity of the countries of new-emerging forces which follow the path of independence.

The Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Sees Performance of CPLA Song and Dance Ensemble and Receives Its Head

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, saw a performance of the Song and Dance Ensemble of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, a friendly cultural mission of the fraternal Chinese people, at the February 8 House of Culture on June 2.

Seeing the performance in his company were Comrades Kim Dong Gyu, Pak Sung Chul, O Jin U, So Chol, Rim Chun Chu, O Baek Ryong, Chon Mun Sop, Li Yong Mu, Yang Hyong Sop, Kim Yong Nam, Chong Jun Gi, Kim Chol Man, Kang Song San, Yun Gi Bok, Directors of Departments of the Central Committee of the Party, Chairmen of Committees and Ministers of the Administration Council, and other leading functionaries of Party and government bodies and working people's organisations, generals of the Korean People's Army, leading personages from scientific, educational, cultural, art and press circles, actors and actresses of the Song and Dance Ensemble of the Korean People's Army and other artistes, working people in the city and People's Army men.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China Li Yun-chuan and staff members of its embassy in Pyongyang, and Miao Chieh, Chief of the Liaison Office of the Chinese People's Volunteers of the Korean-Chinese side to the Military Armistice Commission, were in the audience.

Also seeing the performance were Ting Li, Deputy Director of the Cultural Department of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army and head of the CPLA Song and Dance Ensemble, and Chu Tung-lin and Wang Miao-chih, its deputy heads.

Seen in the spacious theatre were slogans in Korean and Chinese "Long live the militant friendship and solidarity sealed in blood between the peoples and armies of Korea and China!"

When the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung appeared in the box to the strains of the welcome music, the audience welcomed the fatherly leader with enthusiastic applause, sending up loud cheers "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!"

A thunderous applause again rocked the theatre when the program-introducing actress reverentially wished good health and a long life to President Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people and a close friend of the Chinese people.

Then the curtain rose.

Following the dance "The Steed Neighs", the opening scene, the CPLA Song and Dance Ensemble put on stage revolutionary and militant music and dance pieces of varied themes depicting the noble revolutionary spirit of the Chinese people and CPLA soldiers in energetically accelerating the socialist revolution and socialist construction under the wise leadership of their great leader Comrade Mao Tsetung.

The program included barytone solo "Let's Sing the Great Motherland", tenor solo "Song of Peking", soprano solo "Compatriots in Taiwan, Our Real Brothers", mixed duet "Cinnamon Trees Flower Everywhere in August", flute solo "Soldiers on Patrol on the Steppe" and dances "On the Military Drill Ground" and "Menpa in Snow-capped Mountain" and other numbers singing of the ardent patriotism of the Chinese people and their joy of labour dedicated to the prosperity and grandeur of socialist China and her brighter future with beautiful melodies and rhythms suited to the national sentiments and modern aesthetic tastes, which delighted the audience.

And the talented Chinese singers well sang in Korean, with unbounded respect and reverence for the great leader of our people Comrade Kim Il Sung, soprano solo "Where Are You Now, Dear General?" from the revolutionary opera "A True Daughter of the Party", barytone solo "The Great Leader Has Come to the Sentry Post" and mixed duet "Through Storm and Rain" from the revolutionary opera "Sea of Blood" based on the immortal classic masterpiece of the same title, and other Korean songs, including "Song of Mount Maebong-san", "My Country", and "We Sing This Boundless Happiness" and the dancers successfully presented the Korean dance "At the Spring" winning enthusiastic acclaim of the audience.

After the performance a respectful image of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our people and a close friend of the Chinese people, and a respectful image of Comrade Mao Tsetung, the great leader of the Chinese people and a close friend of our people, were projected on the red background of the stage. That moment the performers and audience loudly shouted "Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Long live Comrade Mao Tsetung!"

All the artistes came out on the stage and loudly sang in chorus with the audience "Song of General Kim Il Sung". They also loudly sang the Chinese song "The East Is Red".

The band played the welcome music and stormy cheers of *manse*! (hurrah) and prolonged applause shook the theatre when the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung stepped on to the stage and presented a floral basket to the Chinese artistes congratulating them on their successful performance. warmly shook the hand of each of them and faced the camera with them.

On the same day Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, received Ting Li, Deputy Director of the Cultural Department of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, who is heading the CPLA Song and Dance Ensemble.

Present on the occasion were Comrades Kim Dong Gyu, Pak Sung Chul, O Jin U and Li Yong Mu.

Also present was Chinese Ambassador Li Yun-chuan.

On the occasion, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung highly praised the success of the CPLA Song and Dance Ensemble in its performance tour of our country and had a talk with the head of the ensemble in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

The Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG Receives Foreign Guests

CSR Foreign Minister

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on June 3 received the Foreign Minister of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

Present on the occasion were Comrade Bohuslav Chnoupek, Foreign Minister of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, and his party.

Comrade Ho Dam, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council and Foreign Minister, was on hand.

Also present was Martin Macuch, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to our country.

The great leader cordially received the guests and talked with them in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Then he posed for a photograph with the guests.

PRC Ambassador to DPRK

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, on June 1 received Li Yun-chuan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to our country, who paid him a farewell call before leaving for home at the recall of the home government.

Ho Dam, Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, was on hand.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a talk with the Ambassador in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

The Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Receives Delegation of Koreans in Japan

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, on May 31 received a delegation of Koreans in Japan which is spending joyful days in the socialist fatherland.

Present on the occasion were Kang Gun Jo, Chairman of the Central Auditing Commission of Chongryon (General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) who is heading the delegation of Koreans in Japan visiting the fatherland to join the celebrations of the 64th birthday of the great leader, and members of the delegation.

Comrade Kim Yong Nam was on hand.

Granted an audience by the fatherly leader whom they always revere deep in their hearts and hold in high esteem, the members of the delegation, choked with emotion, loudly shouted "Long live the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung!" and extended highest honour and deepest thanks to the respected and beloved leader, representing the unanimous feelings of loyalty of the 600,000 compatriots in Japan.

The great leader warmly received the members of the delegation, tightly grasping the hand of each of them and gave them precious teachings which would serve as a guideline in the patriotic work of Chongryon.

The members of the delegation firmly resolved to uphold with a whole heart the highly important teachings of the great leader and carry them to thorough fulfilment and thus justify the deep trust and care of the fatherly leader with loyalty, and reverentially wished the respected and beloved leader good health and a long life for the reunification of the country and the eternal prosperity of our nation.

The great leader faced the camera with the members of the delegation.

On the same day the great leader hosted a luncheon in honour of the delegation.

TELEGRAMS

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, exchanged messages of greetings with Comrade **Nicolae Ceausescu**, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Romanian Socialist Republic, on the first anniversary of the conclusion of the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Romanian Socialist Republic.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, sent a message of greetings to Comrade **Erich Honecker** upon the latter's election as General Secretary of the Central Committee of the German Socialist Unity Party.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the CC of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the DPRK, and Comrade **Pak Sung Chul**, Premier of the DPRK Administration Council, sent a message to Comrade **Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Comrade **Nikolai Viktorovich Podgorny**, President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and Comrade **Aleksei Nikolaevich Kosygin**, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, expressing sympathy for the much damage done by a big earthquake that hit some areas of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenia of the Soviet Union on May 17.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Comrade **Pak Sung Chul**, Premier of the DPRK Administration Council, sent a message to Comrade **Gustav Husak**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and President of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, and Comrade **Lubomir Strougal**, Premier of the Government of the CSR, greeting the 31st anniversary of the liberation of Czechoslovakia.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message to His Majesty King **Olav** the Fifth of the Kingdom of Norway, greeting the national day of the Kingdom of Norway.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message to **Yasser Arafat**, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and General Commander of the Palestinian Revolutionary Forces, on the occasion of the "Palestinian people's struggle support week".

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message of thanks from Colonel **Moussa Traore**, Chairman of the Military Committee of National Liberation, Head of State and Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Mali, upon leaving our country.

✦ **The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea** sent a message of greetings to **the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party**, on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of the founding of the CCP.

✦ **The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea** received a message from **Erich Honecker**, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the German Socialist Unity Party, in reply to its message of greetings sent to the CC of the GSUP on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the GSUP.

✦ **The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea** received a message from **the Central Committee of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party** in reply to the message sent on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party.

We Regard It As Our Full Duty to Fight Together with Korean People against US Imperialism, the Common Enemy

Many Countries Actively Support DPRK SPA Standing Committee's Letter Addressed to Parliaments and Governments of All Countries of the World

Libyan Arab Socialist Union

A reply letter came from the Libyan Arab Socialist Union.

It said:

We inform you that we regard it as our full duty and as the struggle of ourselves and the entire peaceloving people of the world to fight together with the Korean people against US imperialism, the common enemy.

The content of the letter of your Standing Committee has already been printed in our publications.

The letter continued:

The leadership and people of your country may rest assured of the solidarity of the Libyan Arab Republic with your struggle against US imperialism.

We of the Libyan Arab Republic will regard any blockade and provocation against the militant Korean people as a blockade and provocation undertaken by US imperialism, Zionism and Arab reactionaries against our people and our nation.

For the consolidation of the bonds of friendship existing between the peoples of our two countries we assure you of our staunch fidelity.

Chairman of Parliament of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

A letter came recently from Bahjat Al Talhouni, Chairman of the Parliament of the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan.

The reply noted:

I would like to assure you and your Standing Committee that we in the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan, a part of the world, are continuously following with attention the situation in the north and the south of Korea, that is, on the Korean peninsula and its development and the situation at the United Nations and other international organizations and the questions discussed there.

In directing attention to the international disputes in this region and your region, the Jordanian Parliament proceeds from the basic principles decided by the countries and peoples for guaranteeing the prosperity, progress and freedom of mankind including the establishment of peace on the basis of the nation, justice and equity and the granting of the right to self-determination to all peoples.

We, therefore, consider that peace in the world is an inseparable unity.

To secure stability in one region is beneficial to other regions and a tension created in one part will be reflected in other parts.

Hence, I agree to your words, noted in the letter of your Standing Committee, that "at present, the prevention of the danger of war and the maintenance and consolidation of peace in Korea are a matter of urgency related to world peace and security of mankind".

Proceeding from this consideration, international efforts, irrespective of split or unity, should be made and this requires mutual cooperation and unity.

We of the Jordan will study the present situation in Korea and strive to play our part on the basis of the present situation and relevant principle.

We will contribute to the efforts for putting an end to the tension and removing its root-cause so that the great Korean people may enjoy peace they aspire after.

The cause of the Korean people will draw the attention of our Jordanian Parliament at the meetings for its realization.

PRC People's National Assembly

A letter came from Alphonse Mouissoupoiti, Chairman of the People's National Assembly of the People's Republic of the Congo. It was unanimously adopted at the PRC People's National Assembly supporting the letter of the Standing Committee of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly.

The reply said:

The People's National Assembly and people of the Congo reassure the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea of their unconditional support to the just cause of the Korean people who are suffering from the US aggression and reiterate the following firm stand of the Party and the Government of the Congo.

The Party and the Government of the Congo vehemently denounce the United States' undisguised occupation of south Korea and its provocative acts against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, strongly demand the withdrawal of the US troops stationed in south Korea under the UN flag and hold that the Armistice Agreement should be replaced by a peace agreement for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

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Korean Reunification Support Ecuadorian Committee Established

A grand inaugural meeting of the Ecuadorian Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification was held in Quito on May 17, according to a report.

Put with due respect on the platform of the meeting place was a portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Hanging on the background were the national flags of our country and Ecuador.

On display at the meeting place were the immortal classic works of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The meeting unanimously adopted a letter to His Excellency President Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people, with enthusiastic applause of the attendants.

Attending the meeting were Fernando Maldonado, General Secretary of the Socialist Revolutionary Party of Ecuador, and representatives of various political parties and public organizations and noted democrats.

Professor Augustina Guire, ex-President of Quito University, made a report.

In the report he referred to the significance of the inauguration of the Committee. He stressed:

Under the banner of the Juche idea founded by the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung with his originality, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has worked in the socialist construction the miracles that can be seen in no other countries.

The Juche idea is a great revolutionary idea which contains an original theory, strategy and tactics and methodology.

He denounced US troops for their occupation of south Korea and expressed full support to the policy of the great leader President Kim Il Sung on reunifying the country independently and peacefully on a democratic principle without any interference of outside forces.

The meeting elected the Honourary Chairman, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary General of the Committee.

The meeting adopted a declaration on the inauguration of the Committee.

The declaration said:

We present at the inaugural meeting, expressing deep apprehensions about the ill-boding grave situation created in Korea today, strongly demand:

First, the United States must implement at an early date the resolution of the 30th session of the UN General Assembly calling for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from south Korea and the replacement of the Korean Armistice Agreement by a peace agreement.

Second, the south Korean authorities must immediately discontinue the fascist suppression of the south Korean people fighting for the democratization of society and the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

We express firm solidarity once again with the Korean people in their just struggle to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country in accordance with the three principles and five-point policy of national reunification put forward by the great leader His Excellency Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In conclusion the declaration ardently called upon the entire people of Ecuador and the world's people to take an active part in the movement of solidarity with the Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

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Colombian Committee Formed to Support Korea's Reunification

A grand inauguration of the Colombian Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification was held in Bogota recently, according to a report.

A letter to His Excellency Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was unanimously adopted at the inaugural meeting amid the thunderous applause of the attendants.

Present at the meeting were prominent figures from the ruling Liberal Party and other political parties, social organisations and academic and press circles.

The meeting was addressed by parliamentarian of Colombia Omar Henry, a lawyer and M.D.

Speakers unanimously emphasized that the cause of the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea is not only the problem of the Korean people themselves but also the common cause of the world's progressive people.

The reunification of Korea must be achieved on the basis of the three principles and five-point policy of national reunification laid down by the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the world's people must express positive and wide-range support and solidarity for the just cause of the Korean people for its realisation, they said. They resolved to wage a strong solidarity campaign to support and encourage the just struggle of the Korean people in Colombia, too.

Co-Chairman, Vice-Chairman and General Secretary of the Committee were elected at the meeting.

It adopted the statutes of the Committee and a declaration.

The declaration said that the inauguration of the Colombian Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification reflected urgent demand of the present times and that the basic mission of the Committee is to expose and smash all the manoeuvres of the imperialists and their lackeys against the Korean people's efforts to reunify their country, thwart and frustrate new war attempts in Korea and wage an extensive solidarity movement for the Korean people's cause of national reunification.

The declaration called upon the figures of all circles in Colombia to actively support the activities of the Colombian Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification.

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Venezuelan Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification Set Up

A grand inaugural meeting of the Venezuelan Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification was held in Caracas recently, according to a report.

It was attended by many political and public figures and democrats of Venezuela.

The meeting was addressed by a number of representatives of political parties and social organisations including the Communist Party of Venezuela, the United Centre of Workers, the Journalists Association, the Union of Students and the Young Communist League.

Pointing out unanimously that the Korean question today is the focal point of the global problems, the speakers called for a widespread campaign for voicing more resolute support and solidarity to the Korean people in their struggle to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

They strongly demanded that the United States fulfil without delay the resolution of the 30th UN General Assembly on withdrawing the US troops from south Korea and replacing the Korean Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement.

The leading body of the Committee was elected at the meeting.

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Central Ceremony Held Solemnly to Commemorate 50th Anniversary of Death of Kim Hyong Jik, Indomitable Revolutionary Fighter and Outstanding Leader of Anti-Japanese National-Liberation Movement

A central ceremony was solemnly held at the People's Palace of Culture on June 3 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of death of Kim Hyong Jik, an indomitable revolutionary fighter and outstanding leader of the anti-Japanese national-liberation movement of our country.

Put up with due respect on the platform of the memorial hall was a portrait of Kim Hyong Jik, father of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and an outstanding leader of the national-liberation movement of our country and indomitable revolutionary fighter.

Attending the ceremony were Comrades Kang Ryang Uk, So Chol, Rim Chun Chu, O Baek Ryong, Li Yong Mu, Yang Hyong Sop, Chong Jun Gi and Kang Song San and other cadres, anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters, bereaved families of anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs, working people in the city and soldiers of the People's Army.

As Kang Hyon Su, Chairman of the Pyongyang City People's Committee, announced the start of the memorial ceremony, all the attendants observed a moment's silence in memory of Kim Hyong Jik.

Comrade Rim Chun Chu made an address at the ceremony.

He said:

Kim Hyong Jik was born as the eldest son of Kim Bo Hyon and Li Bo Ik at Mangyongdae, Nam-ri, Kopyong sub-county, Taedong county, South Pyongan Province, on July 10, 1894.

Directly experiencing the sorrow and miserable plight of a ruined nation, Kim Hyong Jik cultivated an ardent patriotic idea and a firm fighting will to defeat the Japanese imperialists and achieve the country's independence at any cost and took an active part in the patriotic movement against the Japanese imperialists and the US imperialists from his school days.

Kim Hyong Jik waged an unyielding struggle, personally clearing in the forefront the thorny path of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle with the unshakable conviction of victory and an indomitable fighting spirit in the teeth of the unheard-of fascist suppression by the Japanese imperialists and performed great and brilliant exploits which would shine long in history.

Kim Hyong Jik is an outstanding leader who resolutely fought to hew the road of the independent development of the Korean national-liberation movement.

Kim Hyong Jik with his own sense of national independence, indicated the direction of struggle for the achievement of the liberation and independence of the country and clearly pointed to the ways to realize them.

He not only illumined a new road of the anti-Japanese national-liberation movement but also put forward concrete tasks to be tackled in the achievement of the liberation of the fatherland by the efforts of our people—the task of overcoming disunity in struggle and achieving the unity and cohesion of all the anti-Japanese forces, building up the revolutionary forces by forming the illegal revolutionary organization and legal organization deeply rooted among the popular masses, properly combining the political activities with military activities and illegal activities with legal activities, etc.

Indeed, it marked a new milestone on the road of the anti-Japanese national-liberation struggle of our people that Kim Hyong Jik held high the banner of national independence.

The speaker said that Kim Hyong Jik is an outstanding leader of the revolution who performed immortal feats in the struggle to bring the anti-Japanese national-liberation struggle of our country to a new, higher stage. He continued:

The Korean National Association (KNA) organized and guided by Kim Hyong Jik marked a new, epochal turn in the anti-Japanese national-liberation movement of our country.

The KNA was the most steadfast revolutionary organization in the anti-imperialist, independent stand and the biggest anti-Japanese underground revolutionary organization in the organizational scale and in the sphere of its activities in the period before and after the March First Popular Uprising.

Thanks to the correct guidance and energetic activities of Kim Hyong Jik, the KNA strengthened and developed into an underground revolutionary organization which took deep roots among the masses for the first time in the history of the anti-Japanese national-liberation struggle of our people and powerfully roused the people to the anti-Japanese struggle under the banner of national independence.

The speaker pointed to the fact that Kim Hyong Jik energetically conducted the educational, cultural and political activities to educate the people and younger generation in the patriotic idea of "chiwon" or "Aim High."

The patriotic idea of "chiwon" formulated by Kim Hyong Jik carries the indomitable idea of not being dispirited or flinching back before any obstacles and trials, looking forward with lofty aims to the day when the freedom and happiness of the people are attained. It also carries the lofty revolutionary idea of loving the future and of continued advance with the conviction of future victory.

Pointing out that Kim Hyong Jik made an outstanding contribution to leading the national-liberation movement of our country to the road of the communist movement, the speaker said:

After he was released from prison of Japanese imperialism in the autumn of 1918, Kim Hyong Jik, not caring about his bad health, moved the centre of his struggle to the area along the River Amnok-gang according to a plan he had worked out while in prison to further expand and strengthen the revolutionary struggle.

He convened the historic Chongsudong Meeting as the first step for realizing the grand plan on the Korean revolution he had mapped out in prison. At the meeting he summed up the activities for one year after the sweeping round-up of the Japanese imperialists against the organization of the KNA and set forth the policy of future activities.

In August 1919, Kim Hyong Jik called the Kwantien Meeting which marked an epochal occasion in the struggle for bringing the Korean national-liberation movement to a new stage and put forward a new line stressing that the Korean national-liberation movement should follow the road of the proletarian revolution.

Pointing to his active struggle for realizing the revolutionary line set forth at the Kwantien Meeting, the speaker noted that Kim Hyong Jik paid deep attention to the armed activity and energetically carried it on. He went on:

Kim Hyong Jik is a staunch revolutionary who had an indomitable fighting spirit, staunch will, warm love for the people and noble virtues, and the genuine leader and teacher of the people. After he took the road of revolution with a grand aspiration for the restoration of the fatherland, he did not cease fighting even for a moment but devoted his all solely to the struggle for the revolutionary cause, pulling through storms and obstacles that arose on the road ahead.

The road of revolution traversed by Kim Hyong Jik was path of arduous struggle along which he weathered all storms and trials with a fervent revolutionary enthusiasm and boundless devotion: it was a glorious path along which he vigorously waged a tireless struggle with an indomitable fighting spirit and staunch revolutionary stamina.

Covering the road of so arduous struggle, Kim Hyong Jik reared his sons to be ardent patriots and revolutionaries and revolutionized his family and relatives.

Kim Hyong Jik educated the great leader of our people Comrade Kim Il Sung in ardent patriotism from his early age and taught him with a warm heart to cultivate brilliant intelligence, strong revolutionary stamina and noble character.

It is thanks to his untiring and energetic education that today his family brilliantly shines as a paragon of the great revolutionary families, rare indeed in the history of the world.

Kim Hyong Jik, an indomitable revolutionary fighter, who had fought so strenuously to achieve national restoration, covering the rough path of history, passed away to our great regret at the young age of 32 on June 5, 1926.

Today our people and the world's revolutionary people speak highly of the lofty revolutionary spirit and precious revolutionary exploits of Kim Hyong Jik who devoted his whole life to the sacred cause for the restoration of the fatherland and the freedom and liberation of the people.

Today lofty intentions and priceless exploits of Kim Hyong Jik are being brilliantly carried forward and developed by the great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and legendary hero.

The speaker emphasized: We should more deeply study the immortal exploits and revolutionary achievements of Kim Hyong Jik and remain loyal invariably and eternally on the road of revolution led by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

All the attendants of the ceremony again confirmed their fiery determination to fight on gallantly for the country's independent reunification and the nation-wide victory of the revolution, whole-heartedly upholding the lofty intentions of Kim Hyong Jik, an outstanding leader of the anti-Japanese national-liberation movement of our country and indomitable revolutionary fighter who dedicated his whole life to the struggle for the country's liberation and the people's freedom and happiness, and rallied more closely around the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and guided by the glorious Party Centre under the uplifted revolutionary banner of the great Juche idea.

The ceremony closed with the playing of the song "The Green Pine on Namsan Hill".

Grand National Joint Meeting of KJC Organizations Held to Celebrate 30th Anniversary of Its Founding

The 30th anniversary of the founding of the Korean Juvenile Corps by the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung fell on June 6.

A grand national joint meeting of the Korean Juvenile Corps organizations was held at the Pyongyang Gymnasium on June 5 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of its founding, the memorable red-letter day of 3 million KJC members.

Put in place of honour on the platform of the gymnasium was a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people.

Also seen on the background of the platform were a model of Mt Paekdu-san, a holy mountain of revolution, symbolic of the glorious revolutionary traditions established by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in the flames of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, and the figures "1946-1976" that showed the path of proud struggle the KJC founded and led by the great leader has traversed for 30 years and the KJC emblem.

Set up in the meeting place were the slogans "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live the glorious Workers' Party of Korea!"

Also seen there were the streamers with the slogans "May the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung live a long life in good health!" "Thank you, the respected and beloved father Marshal Kim Il Sung!" "Let's become true sons and daughters infinitely loyal to the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung!" "Let's become true members of the guard detachment and death-defying corps boundlessly faithful to the great leader and glorious Party!" and "Let's always strive to prepare ourselves as reserve for the building of communism!"

The gymnasium was packed with delegates of provincial (or city under the central authority) KJC organizations, the KJC members from various schools in Pyongyang, functionaries of the League of Socialist Working Youth and the KJC instructors, over 15,000 in all.

Present at the meeting were Comrades Kim Il, Kang Ryang Uk, O Jin U, So Chol, Rim Chun Chu, Li Yong Mu and Yang Hyong Sop and personages concerned and leading workers from the Central Committee of the League of Socialist Working Youth.

The delegation of functionaries of Chongryon (General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) and the 25th visiting group of Korean nationals in Japan staying in the socialist homeland were present at the meeting.

Invited to the meeting were diplomatic envoys and staff members of foreign embassies in Pyongyang and foreign guests staying in our country.

A fanfare of trumpets was sounded and then a ceremony began.

The flag with an august portrait of the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung on it entered the meeting place, followed by the KJC flag.

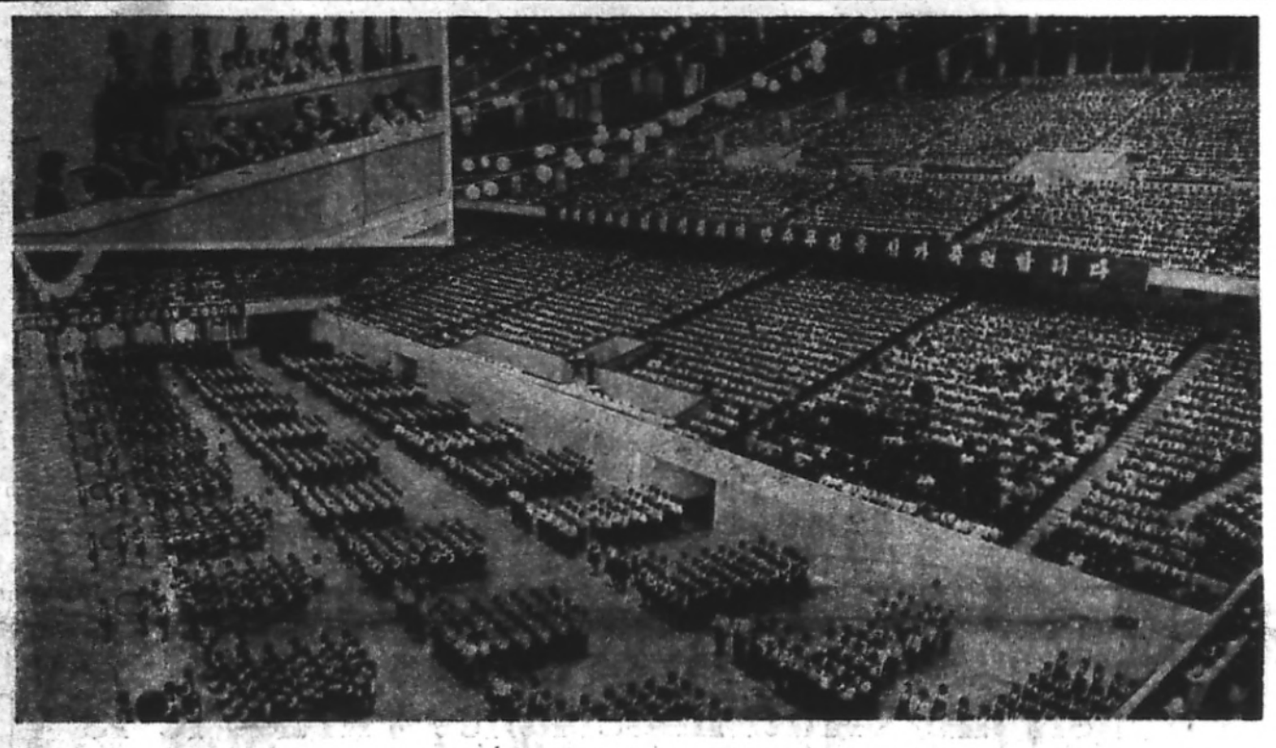
The flags were greeted with the salute of Juvenile Corps.

After a report was made on lining up, there were a call and return call of the KJC slogan. Then the entire members present there pronounced the oath to remain loyal to the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung and the glorious Party as their guard detachment and death-defying corps.

The meeting began with the chorus of "Song of General Kim Il Sung".

At the meeting the congratulatory message sent by the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung to the entire KJC members on its 30th birthday was read out by Comrade Yang Hyong Sop amid a warm applause of the attendants.

Upon receiving the congratulatory message of the great leader, all the KJC members, overcome with boundless emotion and excitement, made a firm determination to remain loyal for ever to the benevolent father Marshal, raising the stormy cheers of "Long live the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung!"



Chang Min Ryong, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the League of Socialist Working Youth, made a report celebrating the 30th anniversary of the founding of the KJC.

The attendants of the meeting adopted a letter of pledge to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, with a thunderous applause.

The meeting closed with the chorus of the song "Long Life and Good Health to the Leader."

The meeting was followed by a parade of the KJC members.

EDITORIAL

US Imperialists' Criminal Scheme to Ignite Aggressive War in Korea Must Be Foiled Determinedly

At present the US imperialists' manoeuvres to trigger off war in Korea has reached a very grave stage.

The US imperialists who had already sent into south Korea large quantities of war materiel and ammunition have for recent eight days taken out 4,600 tons of various kinds of ammunition including rocket shells from the Ikeko powder magazine in Zushi, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan for the purpose of shipping them to south Korea.

The US imperialists' largest-scale shipment to south Korea of various combat equipment and the ammunition stockpiled in Japan shows beyond doubt that they are working in real earnest to put their criminal plan for starting another aggressive war in our country into execution.

We bitterly denounce their plot for an aggressive war as an intolerable challenge to the Korean people and as a wildcat provocative act that gravely menaces peace in Korea and other parts of Asia and that leads the situation in our country to the brink of war.

The above-mentioned shipment of ammunition from the Japanese base to south Korea is an extension and a naked expression of war provocation manoeuvres they have so far hastened.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung pointed out:

"At present the US imperialists are blackmailing us seriously with threats of war. By mobilizing the publications in their service they keep clamouring about a 'plan for nine-day operations' or a 'plan for five-day operations', and are openly speaking out that they would unhesitatingly use even nuclear weapons if a war should break out in Korea some day."

After what had happened in Indochina, the US imperialists declared south Korea to be their "forward defense area" and mapped out the new plans for aggressive war such as a "plan for nine-day operations" and a "plan for five-day operations" in a silly attempt to occupy the whole of Korea in a brief span of time. Under these plans they have increased the numerical strength of their armed forces occupying south Korea by a wide margin and reorganized their operational command system. They have brought large quantities of mass destruction weapons, among them nuclear weapons, and the latest-type military equipment into south Korea and placed them in the areas along the Military Demarcation Line. Almost every day they have staged the war exercises obviously designed to attack the northern half of the Republic.

Not only this. Some time ago the US imperialists sent into south Korea the latest-type fighter bombers "F-111" from the US mainland and conducted war games in simulated attack on the northern half of the Republic. They plan to transfer the latest-type sky trucks "AC-130" for offensive action. Their "B-52" strategic bombers flew into Okinawa, Japan, from Guam on two occasions on the plea of escaping from the typhoon.

This is designed to establish a "system of support by air force" in case of war in Korea and, particularly, to get fully ready for emergent sally.

Noteworthy is that recently the warlike bigwigs of US imperialism called the brass hats of south Korean puppet army into Honolulu for a war confab, where they "reaffirmed" their "defence commitments" to the south Korean puppets and assured them that they would further keep their troops stationed in south Korea on the "present level" and that they would render "prompt and efficient assistance" under the "ROK-US Mutual Defence Treaty" should a war burst forth in Korea. Moreover, the US imperialists promised to give them "positive help" to carry the "five-year plan for modernization" of the south Korean puppet army and the "new programme for increase in defence capacity" to completion and render aid in the "fields of science and technology" to help them "build up the defence industry." This is part of the US imperialists' sinister manoeuvres to perpetuate their colonial rule over south Korea and trigger off a new war in Korea.

On the request of US imperialism, military airdromes, harbours, rocket bases, other military bases and military establishments are either built or expanded on a large scale in south Korea. In Okinawa and other US army bases in Japan intensive war exercises are staged to attack us.

Such frantic war preparations are not without reason.

Nowadays the US imperialists are in serious crises, political and economic. Their Asian policy is being totally frustrated. Particularly, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, the lone puppet of US imperialism in Asia, are floundering, isolated at home and abroad. All this predicts that the US imperialists will soon find themselves in a miserable lot—they will have to be kicked out of Asia to the last man.

They are trying to find a way out of this predicament in igniting an aggressive war in Korea.

Following the situation in Indochina, they turned the spearhead of attack to Northeast Asia in their attempt for Asian aggression and concentrated their efforts on offensive action against Korea in particular. They have been frantic in stepping up preparations for war against the Korean people. Their nefarious aim in this move is to tide over the political and economic crises by all means, keep their hold especially on south Korea as their colony and military base and invade the whole of Korea and other parts of Asia with south Korea as their military strategic stronghold and, further, realize their ambition for world domination.

Such adventurous war provocation manoeuvres of US imperialism have keyed up tension in our country to so high pitch that war may break out in Korea any time.

Despite of the intensified war moves by US imperialism, the powder keg of war has not gone off yet. This is attributable entirely to the utmost patience, staunch struggle and invariable peaceloving efforts of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people.

Recently the parliaments and governments of many countries the world over actively supported and approved the letter of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK sent to them in connection with the strained situation in our country. This clearly testified to the validity of the policy of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country invariably pursued by our Party and the Government of our Republic and its great vitality.

At the same time, this proves that it is a common desire not only of the Korean people but of the world's people to force the US imperialist aggression troops out of south Korea, maintain peace in Korea and attain its independent reunification.

The Korean people will, in the future, too, fight as staunchly as ever to foil the US imperialist aggressive plots and safeguard peace in Korea.

The US imperialists' aggression and new war provocation manoeuvres against the Korean people with Japan as a base are the basic factor in jeopardizing peace and security in Korea and Asia. They will bring serious disaster to the Japanese people, to say nothing of the Korean people.

Moreover, they constitute a grave menace to peace and security of Asia and other parts of the world.

It is a common task of the Asian and world's people including the Korean and the Japanese people in eliminating the root cause of a war in Korea and Asia to wage a vigorous struggle to oppose the US imperialists' aggression and war manoeuvres and drive them out of south Korea.

In order to maintain peace and ease the high-pitched tension in Korea, the US imperialists must immediately discontinue the reckless aggressive plots and pull out of south Korea without delay taking along all the aggression armed forces and lethal weapons.

If the US imperialists refuse to accept the just demand of the Korean people, continue with their aggressive acts against the northern half of the Republic and finally start war, they will suffer an irretrievable fiasco.

The Japanese reactionaries must stop partaking in the US imperialists' reckless policies of aggression and war and stop obstructing Korea's reunification.

The Korean people's struggle against the US imperialists' aggression and war provocation manoeuvres and for the achievement of national reunification is a link in the whole chain of the anti-imperialist national-liberation struggle now afoot on a world-wide scale and is directly linked with the struggle for peace in Asia and the rest of the world.

We are convinced that the socialist countries, all the countries of the new-emerging forces, the non-aligned countries and the world's progressive peoples who treasure peace and justice will follow with keen attention the grave situation created in Korea due to the US imperialists' aggressive moves, resolutely denounce their outrageous aggressive acts and give more active support and encouragement to the Korean people in their just struggle to defend the security and sovereignty of the country from the US imperialists' threat of aggression and achieve its independent and peaceful reunification.

US Imperialists Ship Great Quantities of Ammunition into South Korea for Provocation of New War

The US imperialists are increasing the tension in Korea by bringing into south Korea large quantities of ammunition from Japan and hastening in real earnest the preparations for starting a new war in our country.

It has been revealed that the US imperialist aggression forces stationed in Japan are transporting great quantities of ammunition to the US navy base in Yokosuka from the Ikeko powder magazine in Zushi City, Kanagawa Prefecture, to make preparations for a new war, according to a Japanese daily.

According to a report, the Japanese daily "Tokyo Shimbun" stated some time ago that the US imperialist aggression forces stationed in Japan were shipping great quantities of ammunition from Japan to south Korea under the headline: "Hardly understandable massive transportation of ammunition by US forces. Is it not for war preparation? Citizens are apprehensive."

It said:

The US forces have transported huge quantities of ammunition to the US navy base in Yokosuka six km away from the Ikeko US army powder magazine in Zushi City, Kanagawa Prefecture, every day since February 27. The transport continued for eight consecutive days till March 5. The amount of the transported ammunition is estimated at 4,600 tons.

It is said that this is the greatest transportation of ammunition from the magazine to other places since its construction.

Watching a long train of heavy-duty trucks bearing the marks of powder running through the city, the citizens say with apprehension that this is a dangerous move for the preparation of a new war, the paper wrote, and pointed out:

The Ikeko powder magazine in Japan is the biggest of its kind in the east where some 200,000 tons of different kinds of ammunition from rifle bullets to rocket shells intended for the US Seventh Fleet are kept in storage.

Under a transport contract with the US forces, heavy-duty trucks of two Japanese cargo transport companies carried the ammunition to the Urakatsu powder magazine in the Yokosuka base from the Ikeko powder magazine in Zushi City, each plying the distance 72 times.

The first-stage transport was reportedly wound up on the 5th and will go on next week.

The Ikeko powder magazine was handed over to the US forces from the Japanese navy after the war and it began storing a huge amount of ammunition since April 1973. But the transport of such a great quantity of ammunition to other places was not witnessed even during the Viet Nam war.

It is universally known a fact that the US imperialists had shipped huge quantities of war materiel into south Korea from their Yokosuka base in Japan.

And they committed again the unpardonable criminal act, bringing large quantities of ammunition into south Korea through the Yokosuka base in order to put greater spurs to the preparations for a new war of aggression in Korea.

If the US imperialists dare start a new war in Korea, this will only precipitate their own final destruction.

(KCNA)

South Korean Puppet Clique: Filthy Executor of US Imperialists' Policy of Opposing People of Countries of New-emerging Forces

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique of south Korea are a pack of traitors to the nation. They pledged their allegiance to the Japanese "emperor" at the time when the Korean patriots were shedding blood in their armed struggle for the country's independence, and brutally suppressed and killed the patriots engaged in the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle. After the defeat of Japanese imperialism, they became the lackeys of US imperialism and sold out the country and the nation to their US master.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"By joining US imperialism in its criminal aggressive war against Viet Nam, the Pak Jung Hi clique have exposed themselves as the enemy not only of the Korean people but also of the peoples of Asia and the rest of the world who are fighting for freedom, independence and progress."

As pointed out by the great leader, the south Korean puppet clique are not only the enemy of the Korean people but also the enemy of the world's people who has taken an active part in the US imperialists' aggressive manoeuvres against the Asian, African and Latin American peoples who are endeavouring for national independence and social progress.

The virulent crimes committed by the south Korean puppet clique against the people of the countries of new-emerging forces are too many to enumerate. Here are some examples.

Warlike Minions Serving US Imperialism in Its Asian Aggression

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are a band of minions serving the US imperialists in their Asian aggression.

At the time when Cambodia rejected the aggressive "aid" of US imperialism and started national construction by their own efforts and with their domestic resources, the south Korean puppets raved that "Cambodia is a small underdeveloped country and so she needs foreign aid" and that if the United States keeps her hands off Cambodia, the latter will perish right away.

And when the US imperialists instigated Lon Nol to stage a criminal military coup in Cambodia and launched direct armed intervention, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique described it as a "legitimate" action and joined them zealously. Assuring Lon Nol that they would dispatch "volunteers" to Cambodia for the "collective security of Asia", this puppet clique dispatched their troops to Cambodia for the aggressive war under the pretext of undertaking the "project of military establishments" or under the cloak of "military advisory group", transferred some of the south Korean puppet troops stationed in South Viet Nam to the area bordering on Cambodia and conducted secret military operations against the Cambodian people.

Even today when the Cambodian war has ended in victory of the Cambodian people, these scoundrels, regarding Democratic Cambodia as a "hostile state", are heaping virulent calumny upon its government and people that are striving to build a new life.

They took similar action against Laos. They slander the Burmese people, saying that they are "incapable of governing themselves."

The Pak Jung Hi clique fully exposed themselves as the most abominable warlike minions serving the US imperialists in their Asian aggression, when they dispatched their troops to South Viet Nam.

According to the dictates of the US imperialists they made their troop dispatch to South Viet Nam a fait accompli under the name of the "medical corps" and the "engineer corps", and increased their numerical strength to a total of 300,000 on the cunning plea of "relieving" or "replenishing" their troops sent there already.

It was the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who sent, as bullet-shields of the US troops, larger armed forces to South Viet Nam earlier than anyone else.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, the stooges faithful to US imperialism, not only hurled the young and middle-aged people of south Korea into the shambles of the South Vietnamese war as cannon-fodder of US troops, only to get them killed for nothing, but also put them into the scorched-earth action for "burning all, destroying all and killing all". As a result, a large number of the Vietnamese people were killed in cold blood.

The "blue dragon" unit of the south Korean puppet army perpetrated a monstrous barbarity at Bingka, Binson county, Quang Ngai Province in December 1966. Here is an eyewitness account given by a correspondent of French paper "Le Monde".

"I saw them (men of the south Korean puppet army) dragging a group of women out of the crowd and setting them aside. The women knew what was in store for them. So, they pleaded for their life in loud voice, clasping their hands in fear. But the south Korean troops shot all of them to death and then started firing machineguns at the crowd of women, the aged and children.

Having killed them all, they brought the bodies together and blew them up by setting off a mine."

What a brutal and shuddering murder it was!

The south Korean puppets gave wide publicity to their indelible crimes, describing them as "feat", "war result" or "honour".

Now, the war servants of US imperialism, bloodthirsty felons, are raving that they have "supported" the Asian people in their "national-liberation movement", in a silly attempt to join in the ranks of the non-aligned countries' movement. This is only inviting the people's bitter indignation.

Kim Dong Ok

South Korean puppet troops committed monstrous atrocities in South Viet Nam at the instigation of US imperialism: killing all, destroying all and burning all

Malicious Slander on African People

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have viciously hampered the African people's just struggle for national liberation and the building of a new life, as instructed by the imperialists and colonialists.

According to the recent Algerian newspapers, they sent the puppet army officers to West Sahara on the "request" of Morocco to give a helping hand in the "mopping-up operation" intended to repress the national-liberation struggle of the Saharan people.

And yet they are shameless enough to claim that they "have supported the national-liberation movement" of the African people and their "struggle against racial discrimination" with a "deep feeling of solidarity".

They established the "friendly relations" even with the Vorster clique of South Africa and the Smith racist clique of Rhodesia, the sworn enemies of the African people, and are "developing" them. They dispatched even an "advisory group" to the Smith racists to "teach them the anti-communist guerrilla tactics".

Nor is this all. Whenever the imperialists and colonialists started armed intervention against the African people, the south Korean puppets supported it as a "humanitarian measure" to save the Whites, whereas they threw mud at the African people's righteous struggle for freedom and liberation, labelling it as a "darkies' outrage". In the past the US imperialist-led racists enforced the knavish racial discrimination policy and worked the Africans like beasts of burden. The Pak Jung Hi clique described it as "something reasonable" and insulted the African people by talking nonsense that they "can live" only under imperialist rule because they are "incapable of governing themselves".

They embellished the baneful colonial rule which had been enforced in Nigeria and applauded it, prattling that the "people were given education to the full" and "were greatly helped in learning medical, engineering and social science" under imperialist colonial rule. As for Kenya, they blustered that a prolonged British colonial rule alone would lead her to economic development and political stability.

The "Africanization policy" has been stepped up by the newly independent African countries ever since they started building a new life after freeing themselves from colonial rule and gaining national independence. Now, the south Korean puppets branded it as a "reckless act" designed to "reject" modern technology and civilization and return to a primitive state.

When a south Korean puppet delegation visited African countries in 1965, they earnestly called for "economic cooperation" and "interchange" before the heads of state and personages of different strata of these countries. But back in Seoul they slandered and vilified the African people by blabbing: "there is no definite policy in terms of politics, economy and culture in Africa, because it is a dark society in every respect"; "Negroes have so poor memory that both counting and business transaction are hardly possible for them"; "Africans still remain uncivilized and 99 per cent of them are barefooted"; "they have neither culture nor art"; "they have no history and even do not know who their real fathers are and have no family register".

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have been infusing the south Korean people with the anti-African idea, clamouring that African countries are "uncivilized" and "unable to support themselves" and that their national-liberation struggle in progress is "infeasible and unjustifiable."

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are far beyond doubt the detestable lackeys of US imperialism who encroach upon the security and interests of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples. They are a gang of villains, guilty of so many crimes against the people in these areas, and they are the common enemy of the people of the non-aligned countries and the countries belonging to the new-emerging forces.

Kim Pyong

In Tandem with Israeli Aggressors

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique perpetrated all kinds of crimes against the Arab people, siding with the Israeli aggressors.

The Third Middle East War in 1967 was unleashed by the Israeli aggressors at the instigation of the Anglo-American imperialists as in case of the previous Middle East Wars.

Nonetheless, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique claimed that the war was ignited by the Arab countries.

When the Arab Republic of Egypt took a legitimate action to blockade the Gulf of Aqaba, part of its own territorial waters, in order to counter the Israeli aggressors' war moves, the south Korean puppets blamed the ARE, raving that the "Egyptian blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba is an illegal action and an extremely dangerous act that undermines peace."

Later, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique expressed great satisfaction at the Israeli aggressors' occupation of part of the territories of Egypt and Syria and set their propaganda machine in motion to daily publish the full text of the war communique released by the Israeli Defence Ministry. They eulogized Dayan, the chief architect of a surprise attack on Egypt and Syria, as "hero of desert", while slandering and insulting the leaders of Arab countries. They went so far as to describe the Israeli aggressors as a "liberator", invite Israeli military delegations to Seoul and invest their members with decorations in "recognition" of their "victory" in the anti-Arab war.

Similar instances are innumerable. During the last Fourth Middle East War the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique declared that they were ready to dispatch the "volunteer corps of ground force" to Israel and sent there 32 pilots of "F-4 Phantom" planes.

Nor was this all. At the general meeting of Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Tokyo in October 1974 the south Korean puppet delegate dpposed a proposal to incorporate into an important document to be adopted at the meeting a clause expressing support for the Arab people's anti-Israeli struggle, stating that "it is impermissible on all accounts."

When the Sixth Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Islamic States held last year adopted a resolution on evicting Israel from the UN, they prattled that they did not think the "severance of relations with Israel would do any good."

All these facts definitively tell us that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are the Arab people's enemy in cahoots with the Israeli aggressors.

Kim Nam Jip

Intensifying Anti-Imperialist Struggle Is Fundamental Demand of Development of Revolution in Non-Aligned Countries

Today the non-aligned countries are scoring great results in the struggle to liquidate all forms of imperialist and colonialist aggression and intervention, subordination and inequality and ensure their own independent development.

Thanks to the vigorous struggle of the non-aligned countries which are advancing under the uplifted banner of anti-imperialism and independence, the national liberation forces are winning victory after victory and imperialist and colonialist forces are going to decay and ruin.

It is because they waged a heroic struggle against imperialism and colonialism that the non-aligned countries, born as the great new-emerging forces of our times, are bringing about a radical change in the appearance of the world and dynamically promoting the development of human history.

Only when they intensify the anti-imperialist struggle, can they firmly defend the revolutionary gains already achieved, carry the national-liberation revolution to final conclusion and expand and strengthen the non-aligned movement.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"Without fighting imperialism, non-aligned countries cannot safeguard their national independence or build a new prosperous society. Only by strengthening the anti-imperialist struggle, can they consolidate national independence, achieve their independent development and attain the objectives of the non-alignment movement successfully."

It is an inevitable requirement in the development of revolution for the non-aligned countries to intensify the anti-imperialist struggle.

As taught by the great leader, the attainment of political independence is only an initial step for the ultimate victory of the national-liberation revolution.

The people who freed themselves from the yoke of imperialism should carry the national-liberation revolution through to the end by energetically pushing ahead with the revolution and construction.

Only by doing so, can the people liberated from imperialist colonial rule enjoy an independent and creative life and properly develop the relations of friendship and cooperation with foreign countries on the basis of independence and equality.

The strivings of the peoples of newly independent countries to firmly safeguard the revolutionary gains and build a new prosperous society are inevitably accompanied by a fierce struggle against imperialism.

If they are to build a new society, the non-aligned nations should eliminate the remnants of imperialism and colonialism. For this it is essential for these countries to fight the imperialists and colonialists who offer resistance in order not to give up their economic and other concessions.

To get rid of economic dependence and attain economic independence, the non-aligned countries should build an independent national economy. For this it is a must for them to fight against the imperialists who resort to all sorts of vile manoeuvres to lay an obstacle in their way.

Without smashing the stubborn resistance of the imperialists, the countries of new-emerging forces, non-aligned nations cannot expect success in their struggle to defend their natural resources and destroy old orders in the international economic relations. Thus, the struggle of the non-aligned countries to complete the cause of national liberation—to consolidate political independence, eradicate all the survivals of colonial rule and build an independent national economy and national culture—is, in essence, a thoroughgoing and stubborn struggle against imperialism.

It is all the more urgent for the non-aligned countries to strengthen anti-imperialist struggle since the aggressive and interventionist manoeuvrings of the imperialists against new-born independent states have become undisguised today.

As the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught, the ambition of imperialism cannot change.

Aggression and plunder are in the very nature of imperialism and constitute the basis for its existence. Without these, imperialism cannot exist even a day.

While oppressing and exploiting more ruthlessly the people at home, the imperialists incessantly commit acts of aggression and plunder against other countries.

Proceeding from their nature, the imperialists not only harshly repressed and exploited non-aligned countries, new-emerging forces in the past but are also continuing aggression and intervention against these countries even after their national independence.

They disguise themselves as "friends" of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples and pretend to respect the latter's independence and sovereignty and to make efforts for the development of the newly independent countries. Thus the imperialists are infiltrating into these countries with the crafty method of neo-colonialism.

Under the name of "aid" the imperialists are making inroad into new-born independent countries and raking in exorbitant profits through "capital investment", "loan", etc., and through unequal and humiliating relations of trade and commerce imposed on them.

In an effort to stamp out the national independence and sovereignty of the peoples of newly independent countries and non-aligned countries, the US imperialists are unhesitatingly perpetrating subversive activities and sabotage and even armed intervention against these countries. In the period from the end of the Second World War to 1973, the US imperialists engineered coup d'etat plots more than 100 times in Asia, Africa and Latin America and other parts of the world. Korea and Indochina had been the object of their open armed invasion, and even now the US imperialists are working desperately to ignite a new war of aggression in Korea.

The counter-revolutionary violence of the US imperialists, particularly their aggression and interventionist moves through open use of force, pose constant menace to the national independence and sovereignty of the non-aligned countries.

Through reactionary ideological and cultural infiltration into new-born independent countries in the three continents, the imperialists are craftily manoeuvring to paralyze the sense of national independence of the peoples of these countries and infuse them with flunkeyism towards great powers and the idea of relying on foreign forces so as to subjugate them easily.

The US imperialists are now afraid, above anything else, of the growth of the might of the new-emerging forces and the strengthening of the unity and cooperation of the non-aligned countries. They are engaged in their cunning scheme to weaken and disintegrate these revolutionary forces from within. Eloquent proof of this is that these days the US imperialists are trying to drive a wedge among the countries in Africa and the Middle East and disunite them and make them fight among themselves.

All facts show that the non-aligned countries cannot defend their revolutionary gains and consolidate their national independence and sovereignty, unless they resolutely fight against all forms of imperialist aggression and intervention.

An important thing in intensifying the anti-imperialist struggle is that the non-aligned nations should harbour no illusion about imperialism but sharpen vigilance against it and determinedly fight to the end against it.

What is of paramount importance in stepping up the anti-imperialist struggle is that, proceeding from the lofty idea of anti-imperialism and independence, the non-aligned nations should unite themselves more closely and form an anti-imperialist united front.

Today the imperialists fear the united strength of the non-aligned countries in opposing them and resort to the strategy of destroying the anti-imperialist forces one by one.

In this situation the non-aligned countries should strengthen their unity more than ever before and counter the destroy-one-by-one strategy of imperialism with united forces.

The peoples of the non-aligned countries can unite firmly under the banner of anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle for the community of their past positions where they were oppressed and maltreated under imperialist colonial rule and the community of their present struggles to terminate imperialist domination and oppression and build a new, prospering society.

In the past the non-aligned countries, firmly uniting themselves and supporting and encouraging each other, successfully frustrated the interference of imperialism in their internal affairs and its act of aggression and they overpowered the allied forces of imperialism and gave mortal counter-blows at the enemy many times in the international arena.

The peoples of the non-aligned countries should unite more firmly and form a broad anti-imperialist united front to deal heavier blows at and put greater pressure on the US-led imperialists. Only then imperialism will be unable to hold out and will sink deeper into the abyss of ruin, and the anti-imperialist revolutionary cause will emerge victorious.

Kim Su Yon

ARY Follows Path of Independence with Vigour

The looks of the Arab Republic of Yemen which makes vigorous progress under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence are changing as the days go by.

After the rectification movement on June 13, 1974, the diligent ARY people entered upon a new road of development under the correct leadership of Ibrahim Muhammed Al Hamdi, Chairman of the Command Council of the ARY. It was at that time that the people's creative movement for national prosperity and for making the country rich and strong began to yield splendid fruits.

Regarding agriculture as a main source of economic development, the government and people have paid particular attention to agricultural development.

A series of positive measures have been taken for growth of varieties, introduction of advanced farming methods, expansion of the areas under grain crop cultivation, introduction of the irrigation system, etc., and new farm machines are being mass-produced, which perform a great part in increasing agricultural production.

Northern Yemen witnesses a high yield of grain every year. It has attained the level of self-sufficiency in food.

Rapid development is also shown in the national industry. New factories and enterprises have sprung up one after another and quantities of high-quality products are turned out in the factories and enterprises which already started operation.

Under the correct measures of the government for training of native cadres, schools of various levels have appeared in all parts of the country and the number of students is on the steady increase.

The brilliant successes made by the people of the ARY are not only making the existence of Yemen more shine externally but also contributing to the further promotion of the just cause of the Asian peoples who aspire to independence and self-support.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The Asian peoples will continue to wage a vigorous struggle to build by themselves a peaceful, independent, prosperous new Asia against the US imperialist policy of aggression."

The peoples of the two countries of Korea and Yemen have long been bound together by the firm ties of friendship and solidarity which grow stronger today.

The stand of the ARY government and people that always express active support and solidarity with the just cause of the Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country is consistently unshakable and so is the stand of our people who support and encourage the Yemeni people in their struggle for the grandeur and progress of the country and the building of a new life.

Our people who extend warm congratulations to the ARY people on the occasion of the second anniversary of the rectification movement in the ARY heartily wish that the ARY people who energetically strive to realize their just revolutionary cause will achieve fresher success in their future struggle.

Yun Hae Ik

DPRK Establishes Diplomatic Relations with Independent State of PNG

Diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level between our country and Papua New Guinea have been established. Li Jang Hwa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and R.V. Cumaina, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, to Indonesia, agreed on this through the exchange of their letters and issued a joint communique on June 1.

The joint communique pointed out that the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea have agreed to open diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, prompted by the desire to develop the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries. **(KCNA)**

Friendship Visits

☆ A delegation of the Socialist Left Party of Norway headed by Berit As, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Party, arrived in Pyongyang on June 3 upon the invitation of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

☆ A delegation of the People's Progressive Party of Gambia headed by Jallow Sanneh, Member of the National Executive Committee, and Administrative Secretary, of the Party, arrived in Pyongyang on June 3 at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

☆ A parliamentary delegation of the Republic of Sierra-Leone headed by P.R. Davis, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Sierra Leone, arrived in Pyongyang on June 1.

☆ A delegation of the National Union of Workers of Mali headed by Doucoure Bandiougou, Secretary in Charge of Education of the Union, arrived in Pyongyang on June 1 at the invitation of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea.

☆ A government civil aviation delegation of the Republic of Iraq headed by Sami Hassan Mahmoud, Assistant President of the State Organization of Iraqi Civil Aviation, arrived in Pyongyang on May 28.

☆ A delegation of Niigata City, Japan, headed by Kihachiro Kawakami, Mayor of the City, arrived in Pyongyang on June 3 at the invitation of the Korean Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

☆ A delegation of the Japan-Korea Cultural Exchange Association headed by its Permanent Director Yasuyuki Omoto arrived in Pyongyang on June 3 at the invitation of the Korean Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

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